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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 1772
Examiner: R. Dye

In re application of

Applicants : Andre SCHEELLEN et al.

Appln. No. : 09/115,229

Filed : July 14, 1998

For : POLYETHYLENE-BASED COMPOSITION
AND PROCESS FOR THE MANUFACTURE
OF ARTICLES SHAPED FROM THE
COMPOSITION

Atty. Dkt. : 32234-144216 (formerly SLVPE 3741.01)

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is presented in response to the July 18, 2002 Office Action.

Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time. The requisite fee is enclosed. Please charge any missing and/or additional fee due to Deposit Account No.

22-0261 and advise us accordingly.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-7 and 9-25 and add claims 26 et seq.:

--26. An article of manufacture selected from the group consisting of a pipe and a pipe coupling comprising a polyethylene-based composition wherein the polyethylene exhibits a standard density, measured at 23°C according to ASTM Standard D 972, of